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In Re Application of:

Mauldin, et al.

Confirmation No.: 2692

Serial No.: 10/708,693

Group Art Unit: 1711

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Examiner: Terressa M. Boykin

For: Separation of Polyolefins from Nylon

Docket No. 820322-1030

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed September 21, 2004 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 11, and 17 are amended, claim 20 is canceled, and claims 25-41 are added. Claims 1-19 and 21-41 are now pending in the present application.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.